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DECISION ON PETITION

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This is a response to the Request For Reconsideration Of Petition Decision, received in the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) on October 2, 2006.

Petitioner is requesting reconsideration of the Decision On Petition mailed on July 31, 2006, which DISMISSED the Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment, received in the USPTO on June 5, 2006 (incorrectly indicated by the undersigned as June 6, 2006).

The decision of July 31, 2006 acknowledges receipt of Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal on February 27, 2006, authorizing that the Issue Fee and Publication Fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-0857. Also, that the decision was based on insufficient funds in the Deposit Account to charge the required fees and non-compliance with 37 CFR 1.25 (a) and (b).

Further investigation reveals that the replenishment check from Rockwell Automation did in fact have the attached check stub listing the Deposit Account No. 01-0857. The account number was overlooked by the accounting technician and inadvertently credited to another Deposit Account. After the Deposit Account Branch was notified of this on February 28, 2006 the funds were transferred to the correct account.

Since, the replenishment check was received on February 22, 2006, prior to the date (February 28, 2006) the Office of Finance attempted to charge the fees and if proper processed, the Deposit Account would have had sufficient funds to charge the required fees, the Decision On Petition mailed July 31, 2006 is hereby VACATED.

The Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.181(a) is GRANTED.

The USPTO apologizes for any inconvenience to the applicant.

A copy of Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal accompanied the Petition received on June 5, 2006. The Issue Fee in the amount of \$1,400 and \$300 for the Publication Fee were then charged to Deposit Account. No. 01-0857 on June 7, 2006. The fees will be accepted as if timely received on February 27, 2006.

The application will be processed into a patent.

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